

I Remember.

BY W. E. D. KEE.
You ask if I can yet remember
Our games of gloe
In childhood free,
Through all one blessed mild September?
How can I ever but remember
Those laughs we had,
Together glad,
In jolly, wild, and gay September?
And I remember, too, remember—
How through the daisies,
With bright tin pails,
We went for berries that September.
How can I choose but e'er remember
Those sunset strolls
Beyond the knolls,
All browned in richness of September?
Ah! yes that sweetest one September!
Our love so pure,
When life was true,
Comes back again, and I remember.
I must, I will, through life remember
Those castles bright
Of hope's delight
We formed one peaceful, pure September.
Beloved dreams of dear September!
They may come true,
Our lives renew,
And we may trust and still remember.
BLOOMFIELD, August 15.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

[From our Regular Correspondent.]

WASHINGTON, August 15.
Politicians are not plentiful in Washington just at this time, but those who are here have not lacked for a sensation to discuss since the announcement was made a few days ago that Judge Gresham intended to take the stump for Weaver and Field. Democrats and Republicans alike refuse to believe that the announcement is authentic, but they agree that it will make hard sledding for the Republicans in Indiana, if Gresham really does go on the stump for the People's party, owing to the great personal influence he wields with a large number of voters in that State, and it is stated that he could count almost as many votes in Illinois, where he has made his home of late years. At the National Farmers' Alliance headquarters, where People's party men usually may be found, no doubt was expressed of the authenticity of the announcement, which was there regarded as a boom for Weaver and Field.

Speaking of Judge Gresham, just before the Omaha Convention met, when all indications seemed to point to him as the head of the ticket to be nominated, there was a secret conference of prominent Republicans, presided over by Mr. Clarkson, then Chairman of the National Republican Committee, held in Washington, at which it was practically agreed that in case Gresham was nominated and he carried enough States to throw the election into the House the Republican electors were to make a flank movement to prevent the election of Cleveland by the House, by casting their votes in the Electoral College for Gresham instead of for Harrison. Think of what a sensation would have been caused by such a proceeding as that in the Electoral College; that is, if the agreement could have been carried out.

Why should the United States Treasury pay fancy prices to express companies for transporting large amounts of its money from one point to another? is a question which has been often asked since it was known that \$30,000,000 in gold was recently taken from San Francisco to New York by Government officials at a cost of about \$2,500, while the express company's charge for doing the same work was \$60,000. Surely it is cheaper for the United States to assume the risk of loss than to pay such enormous profits to the express companies for doing so. Not long ago the United States Express Company was paid \$3,500 for less than three hours' time of a few of its employees, just enough to load boxes containing \$7,000,000 in gold on an express car at Philadelphia, and two hours later to transfer the same from the car to the Sub-Treasury at New York. Secretary Foster is understood to be in favor of the Treasury doing its own transportation when the amounts are large enough to tempt the express companies to make such big charges.

From Saturday at noon to this afternoon, when the Secretary of State returned from the summer resort where he spent Sunday, Washington was without a single official member of the Administration. Congress kept the most of the Cabinet here so late that they are all taking their vacation at one time.

State Department officials seldom give out news until after it has long since ceased to be news; but I have it on excellent authority that they are a little worried by the fear that the Gladstone Government of Great Britain may not be as friendly towards the International Monetary Conference as that of Lord Salisbury was. The date for the meeting of the Conference cannot be fixed until the wishes of Mr. Gladstone are ascertained, and should he be disposed to be unfriendly towards it, he could easily cause it to be indefinitely postponed by deferring its consideration upon one or another plea without actually committing himself against it. The most that will be said about it at the State Department is that "it is expected that the new Cabinet to be formed by Mr. Gladstone will give its early attention to the matter."

It is not often that a speech delivered by a Republican Congressman is circulated in the South as a Democratic campaign document, but the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee is now sending thousands of copies of the speech attacking Gen. Weaver which was delivered in the House by Representative Henderson of Iowa several years ago to the Southern States. It is one of the bitterest set speeches ever delivered in Congress. Worse things have been said of members by other members in the heat of sudden anger, but Mr. Henderson's attack on Gen. Weaver was the result of calm deliberation and the intention to say the worst things that could possibly be said.

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IMPECUNIOUS CONTRACTORS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE CITIZEN:

SIR: The contractor without capital is such a constant source of disaster to owner, material-man, and workman that it is astonishing that he is not shunned by them all. But on the contrary he is courted and encouraged. The gentleman about to erect a mansion, the mechanic about to erect a cottage, the manufacturer about to erect a mill invites estimates on the work—wise men all. When the bids are in, with a self-conscious acuteness which causes the hands to seek each other for a sly rub and the forefinger to seek the sympathetic nose, the contract is awarded to—the lowest bidder.

What unadulterated folly! Yes, and sometimes something a shade worse than folly—dishonesty. Ugly word that, but just in place. Some, perhaps many, do not see "how the building can be erected for those figures," and "think it likely that somebody will get stuck," but they have the contract on file, so it is all right. The somebody will be somebody else. Now this is well enough if the contractor is financially responsible, for he doubtless knows his own business, and many choose to put up a building without profit or at a loss, just as manufacturers deliberately make goods at a loss. But when a contract is awarded to a man without a dollar, at figures less than cost of erection, the owner receives the reward of his folly in a crop of claims and heirs, or he possesses himself of the fruits of other men's labor without payment. What are ghosts good for if not to haunt such dwellings? In the former case they generally do, taking the form of summonses left by a deputy sheriff. But in the latter they are put to rout, which enables one to disregard weightier agencies than ghosts—getting a thing for less than it is worth. All that most owners think of is to "get the contract down," and in so doing are either knaves or fools—knaves if they do know what they are about, and fools if they do not.

The knaves will go their own way and will doubtless look out for themselves till the devil pulls out their lynch pin; so we turn to the fools. Financially responsible contractors know they can be compelled to live up to their contracts, and therefore estimate for and do good work. The impecunious contractor knows he cannot be compelled to fulfill his contract, and for a cheap price expects to put up a cheap building without regard to the printed and written "first-class" in the contract. No responsible contractor can possibly compete with him. If owners and architects let him alone he may "skimp all through" and finish the house. If he is compelled to obey the letter of the contract he abandons the work, and the owner in the end pays far more than a responsible builder would have charged in the first instance, to say nothing of the worry. Even if the price charged by the impecunious one, and though he be never so honest and well intending, is high enough, the chances are all against his being able to carry out his contract with profit to himself and peace to the owner.

I might show this by argument, but our town is full of visible examples. The School Trustees have erected a costly and conspicuous monument to the folly of awarding contracts to unknown and irresponsible bidders on the top of Berkeley Hill. To be sure the monument is incidentally used for a school, but to material-men and journeymen it will long remain to mark the spot of their buried treasure and the folly just mentioned.

WORKINGMAN.
BLOOMFIELD, August 10.

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J. G. MacVicar, M. A., Principal:
SIR: The inspection of the Montclair Military Academy has been a real pleasure to me. There have been many delays and much annoyance in getting the military department put in working order, but the final success is certainly remarkable. In the first place the Academy has a very decided advantage over most of the institutions in my inspection, from which it did not fail to profit. The Principal was able to direct the policy to be pursued. In building a gymnasium and armory combined he doubled the utility of the building, and, by making the gymnastic course a part of the military training, he made it compulsory, and so derives full benefit from the original object sought.

In the many schools I have to inspect annually there is no one where the military department shows more satisfactory results when all conditions are considered. The policy in combining work in the gymnasium and military exercises under one head as a department of physical culture is a true one, and the square shoulders, fine carriage, and alertness of the pupils is ocular evidence to the fact.

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Very respectfully submitted,
R. F. HUGHES,
Colonel, Inspector-General, U. S. A.

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The Rev. H. W. Ballantine, D. D., pastor. Services to-morrow at 10.30 A. M. and 7.30 P. M.

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Westminster Church will be closed on Sunday, August 21st and 28th, and the congregation will worship in the First Presbyterian Church. The Sunday-school will be closed till September 4. On September 4, the pastor, the Rev. Geo. A. Paull expects to preach.

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Sunday services: Preaching by the pastor, the Rev. H. W. Selbert, at 10.30 A. M. and 7.30 P. M. Sunday-school at 9 A. M. Prayer meeting, Tuesday at 8 P. M. Young People's Society, Friday, at 8 P. M.

Park Methodist Episcopal.

Preaching at 10.30 A. M. and 7.30 P. M. Sunday-school at 12 o'clock. Epworth League prayer meeting at 6.45.

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Services at 10.30 and 7.45. Sunday-school at 2.30. Seats free welcome to all.

First Baptist.

Services at 10.30 A. M. and 7.30 P. M. The pastor, the Rev. Chas. A. Cook will preach morning and evening. Subject in the morning, "Conditions of Progress in the Church." In the evening an evangelistic service will be held, Gospel Hymns No. 5 will be used. All seats free.

Glen Ridge Congregational.

Rev. F. J. Goodwin, pastor. Regular service at 10.30 A. M. and 7.45 P. M. The Rev. F. C. Iglehart of New York will preach to-morrow at both services.

Christ Episcopal.

The Rev. Edwin A. White, rector. The Rev. James Foster of McKeesport, Pa., will preach to-morrow at both services.

Church of the Sacred Heart.

The Rev. J. M. Nardello, pastor. First Mass and sermon, 7.30 A. M. High Mass and sermon, 10.30 A. M. Sunday-school 3 P. M. Vespers service, 3.30 P. M.

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